

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2562
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2005
TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS TO SENIOR CITIZENS
Athawale Shri Ramdas

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to prepare a separate waiting list of senior citizens in order to provide them telephone connections on priority basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any time frame has been fixed for clearing pending applications; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) In Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), telephones are available on demand and there is no waiting list.

In Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the requests of senior citizens for a telephone connection are registered under Non-OYT Special category which itself is a priority category. No separate waiting list among the special category is proposed for senior citizens.

(c) & (d) All efforts are made to clear the pending applications including waiting list of senior citizens, subject to technical feasibility.